

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1706 - SB 2441

March 12, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires law enforcement agencies that use body cameras to adopt a written policy for the usage of body cameras by its law enforcement officers which are compliant with the provisions of this bill. Sets forth the requirements for any such written adopted policy. Requires a written adopted policy to be in effect prior to officers of any law enforcement agency being equipped with body cameras. Requires officers to receive a copy of the written adopted policy and training in the proper use of body cameras before any usage. Creates usage and video storage guidelines for any adopted written policy.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$75,000/One-Time/Permissive

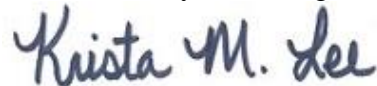
Assumptions:

- Currently, multiple law enforcement agencies across the state elect to equip their officers with body cameras.
- It is reasonably assumed that all law enforcement agencies that elect to use body cameras will have a written policy established prior to using body cameras under current law.
- The majority of the provisions of this bill can be accomplished within the existing resources of any law enforcement agency; the exception to this is the requirement relative to the length of time video files must be stored and archived.
- The provisions of the bill require a minimum of six months of storage for all video footage captured by a police body camera for any law enforcement agency electing to utilize body cameras.
- To the extent any law enforcement agency is compliant with this provision, or would become compliant with the provision in the absence of this bill, the fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- To the extent any law enforcement agency is not compliant with this provision, or would not become compliant with the provision in the absence of this bill; there would be an increase in local expenditures. However, given that law enforcement agencies are not required to utilize body cameras, any impact resulting from this bill is considered permissive.

- It is reasonable to assume that at least 10 law enforcement agencies that elect to utilize body cameras will be required to upgrade or install information technology sufficient for storing six months of video footage recorded by all of its officers when such agencies would not be required to do so in the absence of this bill.
- The one-time cost for any such upgrade or installation is reasonably estimated to exceed \$7,500.
- The total one-time permissive increase in local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$75,000 (\$7,500 x 10 agencies) statewide.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Safety, the impact to state agencies is considered not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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